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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: PRIVATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON
OF PRIME MINISTER ERIC WILLIAMS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
(S/S NO. 7503106)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ROGERS

1. WHITE HOUSE HAS NOW AGREED TO INVITE PRIME MINISTER
WILLIAMS TO CALL ON PRESIDENT FEBRUARY 21 (2:30 P.M.)
AS HE TRANSITS US EN ROUTE HOME FROM EXTENSIVE OFFICIAL
VISITS TO CHINA, JAPAN, INDONESIA. PURPOSE OF THIS MES-
SAGE IS TO OBTAIN DECISION ON EXTENT YOUR OWN INVOLVEMENT
IN THIS VISIT.

2. WHAT WE HAD ENVISAGED FOR WILLIAMS WAS SMALL (12-16)
STAG LUNCHEON IN THE DEPARTMENT FOLLOWED BY CALL ON THE
PRESIDENT. (ACTING SECRETARY HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO
HOST LUNCHEON.) YOU COULD:

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A. HOST LUNCHEON VICE ACTING SECRETARY;

B. ACCOMPANY WILLIAMS IN HIS CALL ON THE PRESIDENT;

C. RECEIVE WILLIAMS IN A SEPARATE OFFICE CALL.

3. WILLIAMS IS SENIOR HEAD OF GOVERNMENT IN THE COMMON-WEALTH CARIBBEAN AND AN ACKNOWLEDGED SCHOLAR OF STATUE (HISTORY). YOU HAVE HAD OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM IN THE PAST AND IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE HOLDS YOU IN HIGH ESTEEM. BY TEMPERAMENT WILLIAMS IS A PRICKLY PEAR. THUS I WOULD RECOMMEND YOUR AGREEMENT TO OPTIONS A AND B. OPTION A OR B WOULD BE MANAGEABLE IN TERMS OF WILLIAMS' AMOUR PROPRE. IF OPTION C IS ONLY POSSIBILITY, THIS TOO WOULD PROBABLY BE MANAGEABLE.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

OPTION A: THAT YOU HOST LUNCHEON VICE DEPUTY SECRETARY.

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OPTION B: THAT YOU PARTICIPATE IN MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

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OPTION C: SEPARATE OFFICE CALL

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